

House Study Bill 664 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BYRNES)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to testing requirements for a class M driver's
2 license or a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license,
3 and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MOTORCYCLE RIDER TESTING.

2 1. Notwithstanding 761 IAC 604.31(2), the department of
3 transportation shall not waive the off-street motorcycle skill
4 test requirement for an applicant for a class M driver's
5 license or a motorcycle endorsement.

6 2. The department shall initiate rulemaking to amend 761 IAC
7 604.31 to eliminate the off-street motorcycle skill test from
8 the list of driving tests that may be waived for an applicant
9 for a class M driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
11 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Under current law, an applicant for a class M driver's
16 license or a motorcycle endorsement on another driver's
17 license is required to take a driving test that consists
18 of two parts: an off-street motorcycle skill test and an
19 on-street driving test. The department of transportation is
20 authorized to waive one or both components of the driving
21 test for certain applicants, including applicants who have
22 successfully completed the appropriate driver education course
23 and Iowa-approved motorcycle rider education course. This bill
24 prohibits the department from waiving the off-street motorcycle
25 skill test requirement, and the bill requires the department
26 to initiate rulemaking to remove waiver of the off-street
27 motorcycle skill test requirement from its administrative
28 rules.

29 The bill is effective upon enactment.